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Check out our new website at www.wabashplaindealer.com and let us know what you think. Stories older than a few weeks are not yet available but will be soon. If you had an account on our previous site, you will need to create a new account. If you registered with the same email address we will be able to locate your previous subscription as well. Once registered, you can also verify your subscription. Please contact web support at web.support@wabashplaindealer.com with any questions. Thank you!

Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Honeywell Foundation's Annual Winter Bash draws near

The Annual Winter Break Bash, hosted by the Honeywell Foundation, will take place Friday, Jan. 3 at various Honeywell Foundation venues including the Honeywell Center and Charley Creek Gardens. For more information about Winter Bash, visit the Honeywell Center website at www.honeywellcenter.org or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

January Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 6 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Potato soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Red Cross schedules blood drive opportunity for Jan. 7

The Red Cross has

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Wabash named one of state's 'must-see small towns'

Visit Indiana unveils 'The 20 IN 20' rankings

BY ROB BURGESS
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Wabash has been named one of Indiana's "must-see small towns" by Visit Indiana's new campaign.

"It's no surprise to Hoosiers that Frommer's named 'Indiana Among the World's Top Places to

Go in 2020,'" according to a press release. "So, Visit Indiana is unveiling the ultimate 2020 travel experience, called 'The 20 IN 20.' We will reveal 20 lists of 20 must-see, must-do Indiana experiences, one at a time, all year long."

In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, Amy Howell, director of communications and Media relations, stated the the cities and towns on the list had to have 25,000 people

or less. "If it was an accredited with Office of Community and Rural Affairs' Main Street program that was another factor," she stated.

Wabash was also voted as having one of the best Main Streets in Indiana in Visit Indiana's Best of Indiana contest, where it placed seventh.

"Known to be the first electrically-lighted city in

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DOWNTOWN: Wabash has been named one of Indiana's "must-see small towns" by Visit Indiana's new campaign.



PHOTOS BY ROB BURGESS / Plain Dealer

COUNTDOWN: Instead of waiting for midnight to ring in the new year, the dozens of attendees packed into the facility's dining room to countdown to noon.

Counting down to noon

Mid-day Senior Center program celebrates the new year

BY ROB BURGESS
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It was just before noon Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, and the Winchester Senior Center was packed.

Instead of waiting for midnight to ring in the new year, the dozens of attendees packed into the facility's dining room to countdown to noon.

While they waited to count down the final seconds, Roger Marine entertained the crowd with several instrumental electronic keyboard numbers.

Beverly Ferry, CEO of Living Well in Wabash County, was busy pouring the drinks and serving the food at 12:02 p.m. when one song ended and someone shouted, "It's 12



PARTY: Party hats and noisemakers were available during the celebration.

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DCS releases 2018 child fatality report

Unsafe sleeping conditions contribute to neglect-related deaths

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) investigated 242 child deaths in 2018 as required by state law and determined 65 were caused by neglect or abuse, according to a press release.

None of those 65 deaths were listed as being from Wabash County.

DCS is legally required to review all child fatalities that fit the following criteria:

Children under the age of 1 when the child's death was sudden, unexpected, unexplained or involves allegations of abuse or neglect.

Children age 1 or older when the child's death involves allegations of abuse or neglect.

In 2018, unintentional suffocation due to unsafe sleeping conditions remained a leading cause of accidental child death, new fatality data shows.

Consistently, the annual DCS Child Fatality Report cites unsafe sleeping conditions as a common factor contributing to

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Ind. Medicaid awarded \$5.2M maternal opioid use grant

Indiana is one of 10 states selected to receive this funding

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) recently announced it is receiving \$5.2 million in grant dollars to improve the coordination of clinical care and the integration of other services that are critical for maternal and child health, well-being and sustained recovery, according to a press

release.

The grant is part of the Maternal Opioid Misuse (MOM) Indiana initiative, which is a cooperative agreement between FSSA and the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that addresses opioid use disorder in pregnancy.

CMS announced Indiana as one of 10 states selected to receive funding under the Maternal Opioid Misuse model.

FSSA has partnered with its four Medicaid managed care programs – Anthem, CareSource, MDwise and

MHS – on a four-pronged approach:

■ Cooperative care coordination: Care coordinators from the managed care entities will work with FSSA to develop collaborative problem-solving, shared best practices and innovative strategies to address challenges facing pregnant women with opioid use disorder. The MOMP team will also work closely with care coordinators from various community health systems to ensure timely and coordinated obstetric, addiction, and pediatric care.

■ Increased provider education: In partnership with Indiana University's Project ECHO, the MOMP project will create three new educational tracks.

These will focus on the obstetrical care of pregnant women with opioid use disorder, evidence-based practices on the management of neonatal abstinence syndrome, and care coordination best practices for pregnant women with substance use disorders.

■ Addressing social determinants of health: This program will screen participants for social deter-

minants of health and make community-based referrals for identified social needs. Also, the MOMP project will use trauma-informed practices in coordinating these services.

■ Extending Medicaid coverage: Women who qualify for this program will be eligible for full Medicaid coverage up to one year postpartum.

FSSA will work closely with the Indiana State Department of Health and the OB Navigator program to coordinate services for those women who qualify for both programs.



PHOTOS BY ROB BURGESS / Plain Dealer

MUSIC: Roger Marine provided the musical entertainment.

COUNTDOWN

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o'clock! Happy New Year!" Ferry said less than 10 people had signed up for the event, and there were, well, more than 10 people in attendance.

"Y'all have got to sign up in advance, OK," she said, to laughter.

Ferry then facilitated handing out goblets of sparkling juice and snacks to those in attendance.

"You've got to get your wine, or beer, or, excuse me, red grape juice," she said.

They then counted down from 10 and the sound of noisemakers drowned out the opening chords of Marine's rendition of "Auld Lang Sync."



NEW YEAR: Beverly Ferry, CEO of Living Well in Wabash County, counts down to the new year celebration.

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scheduled a blood drive opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

Artists sought for Honeywell Foundation's art competition

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show from Thursday, Jan. 9 through Wednesday, Feb. 19. Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. For complete guidelines visit www.honeywellcenter.org/92-county-art-show. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@honeywellfoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

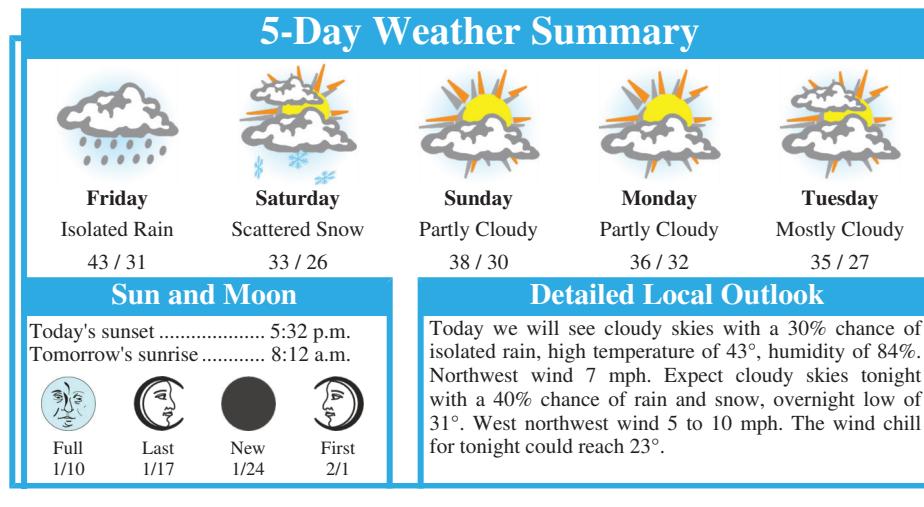
'Death by Chocolate' auditions set; tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater's auditions for the winter comedy "Death by Chocolate" will be held on from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, in the Honeywell Center. For the show itself, doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet

Wabash County's Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be presented by Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. For more information, call 260-563-8453.

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Bone density test helpful in diagnosing osteoporosis

DEAR DOCTOR: I just turned 65, and my doctor wants me to have a bone density test. What is it, and how does it work?

DEAR READER:

A bone mineral density test, or BMD, measures the strength of one's bones. It's an important diagnostic tool for osteoporosis, a progressive disease in which bones become brittle and fragile and can easily break.

Although our bones appear hard and static, they are made up of living tissue. The honeycombed inner framework of a bone is composed of collagen, which is a protein. A mineral known as calcium phosphate provides strength and solidity. Together, these two substances create a strong and flexible structure that successfully withstands stress.

Our skeletons have a dynamic life cycle in which old bone is continuously removed, while at the same time new bone is added. In children and teens, the addition part of the cycle outpaces removal, allowing the skeletal bones to grow in both strength and density. This cycle peaks sometime in our late 20s, at which point bone reabsorption gradually begins to overtake bone formation. Certain hormonal changes that occur in women during menopause further accelerate that imbalance. The result is that old bone may be removed too quickly, new bone may be added too slowly, or both. Over time, the honeycomb framework within the bone grows increasingly porous, while the exterior structure becomes thinner.

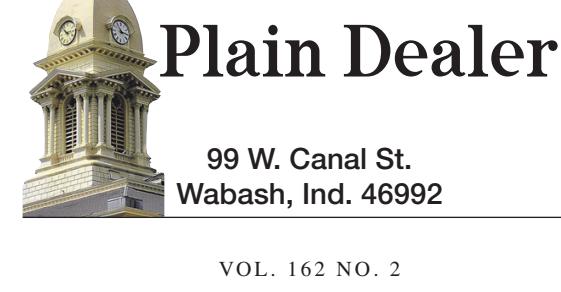
All of this leads us back to the scan your doctor has recommended. Known as a DXA test – that's short for dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry – it's essentially the same procedure and technology used in a standard X-ray. A machine delivers low-dose X-rays, which measure the amount of calcium and other bone minerals present in a segment of bone. The proportion of bone minerals to soft

tissue reveals bone density.

The DXA test, which is most often used to measure bone density at the hip and the lumbar spine, is used to diagnose osteoporosis. It can also help assess risk of future fractures, and to detect whether a treatment for osteoporosis is working. The test, which is as quick and painless as an X-ray, is performed on an outpatient basis. It takes from 15 to 30 minutes to complete, depending on the part of the body being scanned. The results of the test, known as a T score, are presented as a comparison between your own bone density and that of a young adult at the peak of bone formation. A second measurement, known as a Z score, compares your bone density to people your own age, size and gender.

The BMD test is usually recommended for women when they turn 65. It may be recommended earlier than that if a woman has rheumatoid arthritis, low body weight or low vitamin D levels; has used a corticosteroid for three or more months; has a family history of osteoporosis; has experienced bone breaks resulting from a minor accident; has lost height; or is a heavy smoker or drinker. Depending on the results of the initial test, a followup test may be needed in one or two years.

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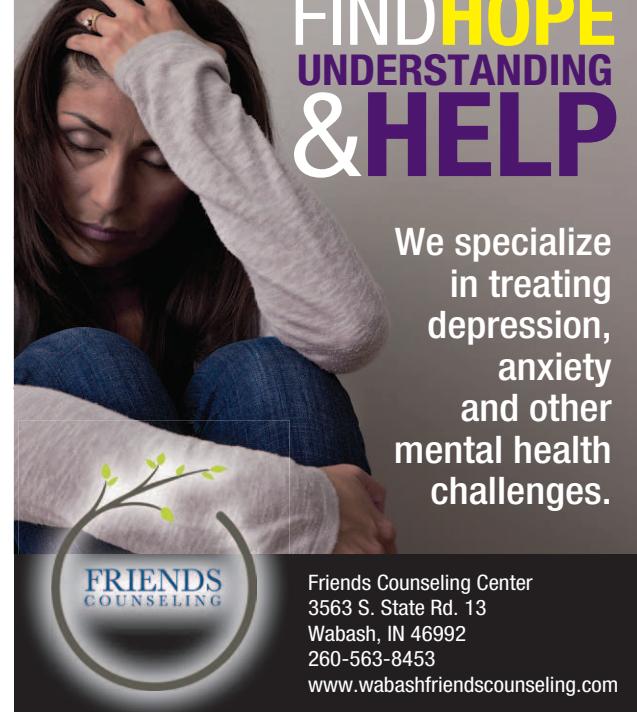
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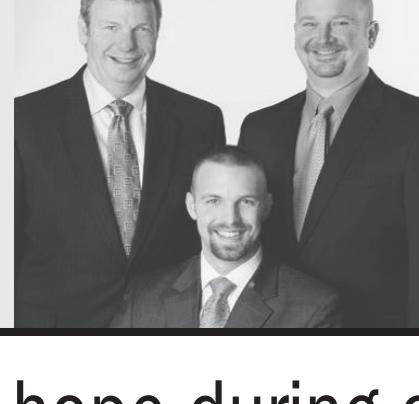
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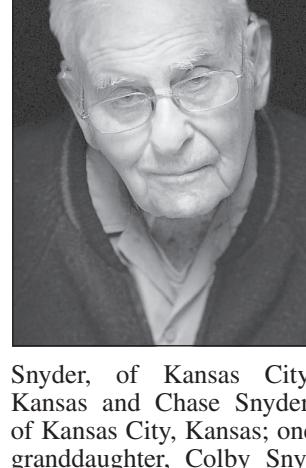
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Cleo D. 'CD' Snyder

Nov. 27, 1923 - Dec. 30, 2019



Cleo D. "CD" Snyder, 96, of Wabash, passed away on Monday, Dec. 30, 2019 in Fort Wayne. He was born on Nov. 27, 1923, in Larwill, Indiana, to the late Charles C. and Phoebe (Starner) Snyder. CD married Wilma M. Hatten on Nov. 24, 1954 in Chillicothe, Ohio. She passed away on Sept. 14, 2003.

CD was a 1941 graduate of Pierceton High School where he played numerous sports. He was a 1951 graduate of Purdue University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering. CD worked as a chemical engineer for Celotex in Wabash. He retired in 1989. CD owned many rental properties in Wabash. CD was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Wabash.

CD served during World War II, in the United States Army as a Sergeant, from 1943 to 1946. He fought in Europe, at the Battle of the Bulge, in December of 1944.

CD loved watching college basketball and cheering for IU. He also loved to play golf.

CD is survived by one son, Charles L. (Betty) Snyder, of Kansas City, Kansas; three grandsons, Erick Sheldon, of Enid, Oklahoma, Ryan

Snyder, of Kansas City, Kansas and Chase Snyder, of Kansas City, Kansas; one granddaughter, Colby Snyder, of Indianapolis and two great-grandchildren, Lola and Nora Sheldon. He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Reverend Chris Tiedeman will be the officiant. Entombment will follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

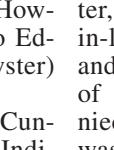
Calling hours will be from 1 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Naomi Jane Cunningham

June 12, 1931 - Dec. 31, 2019



17 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, brother, John Lovelace of Kokomo, and sister, Grace Ann Whitacre of North Manchester, Indiana, two sisters-in-law, Nelda Lovelace and Mary Lovelace, both of Kokomo, and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Joe Lovelace and Bob Lovelace, and two sisters, Mary Harmon and Alice Ortman.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service.

Preferred memorial is Urbana Yoke Parish PO Box 8 Urbana, Indiana 46990.

The memorial guest book for Naomi may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Maggie Ann Richardson

Nov. 12, 1943 - Dec. 30, 2019

Maggie Ann Richardson, 76, of Peru, Indiana, went home to the Lord at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, 2019 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. She was born Nov. 12, 1943 in Collins, Georgia to Shelton J. and Evie C. (Hadden) Martin. She was married to Jerry O. Richardson on Christmas Eve 1963 in Collins, Georgia.

Maggie worked for General Tire in Wabash for many years and then retired from Trelleborg in Peru in 1998. The most important thing in her life was spending time with her family, especially her grandkids. She also enjoyed cooking, sewing, reading, bingo, word search puzzles and playing solitaire.

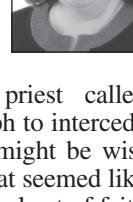
Surviving family include her husband, Jerry O. Richardson of Peru, as well as her children, Jerry D. (Crystal) Richardson of North Carolina and Kimberly A. (James) Fromm of Peru. Her surviving grandchildren include Kasha, Brandon, Zeke, Jasmine, Shelby, Ty-ann and husband Tony, Tyler and wife Beth, and Tyla

Finding hope during a chaotic 2019

It was a week before Christmas, and I found myself anxious and angry. I was paying more attention to minute-by-minute politics than I had on any other day of the year.

It was impeachment day, and I was seeing all kinds of "Impeachmas" references and merry-

Kathryn Lopez



making. At the Mass I went to that day, the Franciscan friar nonpartisanly prayed during the petitions about the "grave" matters in Washington.

The priest called upon St. Joseph to intercede so that there might be wisdom there. That seemed like a countercultural act of faith at a time of such cynicism.

Absurd rhetoric was everywhere — a Republican invoking the crucifixion of Christ comes to mind, but there were offenders on both sides of the aisle. I fear we are complicit, too, when we become addicted to national politics. It's the reality TV we can't turn off, almost drowning us in a cacophony of rage.

So, I stepped away from my phone — possibly the greatest gift we can give

ourselves, and others, for Christmas. And immediately, I started to think of what's given me hope in the last year. Right from the start, I thought of 17,000 young people taking over the Indianapolis convention center for days of prayer and challenge at the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) SEEK conference.

The conference gets inspirational talks from some real lights in the world, like my friends Sister Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life and bestselling author and radio host — and standout comedian and mom — Jennifer Fulwiler. The heart of the thing is the common ground of wanting to do something beautiful with the gifts of their still-young lives — to give glory to God with how they live.

Everything FOCUS does is rooted in prayer, sacraments and fellowship. FOCUS has a model where young people become missionaries on college campuses as a way of giving thanks, and each missionary gets people investing in the mission. In the United States, with its own history of missionaries' arrivals, we are having to rethink so much today because we don't value faith-based medicine, education

and other institutions as we should. And so there's a sense of renewal about these young people.

Speaking of renewal and rebuilding: In a midtown New York convent once essential for parish life, the Sisters of Life live with pregnant women, new moms and their babies, burping and bouncing and embracing as the arms of Jesus in the world. And the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal reach children in some of the most trying of circumstances, giving them a taste of something pure.

There are more missionaries in our midst. Justin Fatica's Hard as Nails ministry proclaims that no one ever suffers alone. The group's missionaries work primarily with middle schoolers and high schoolers, but goodness, could we all use a little time in their loving care!

Part of our problem in the world is not just our fear of suffering, but our fear of reaching out to those in misery. We all suffer; it's a part of our lives. How about we stop pretending otherwise?

How about we start to look at people with the kind of love we want in our lives?

At one Hard as Nails youth rally I attended in November, a girl talked about how she came to know Christ af-

ter her own father used her "as a prostitute." She radiated a profound peace, which revived the faith of the adults in the room and heightened our sensitivity, once again, to the darkness present in the world. It's as if God picked her up and held her to His heart.

God does that in the world today. Sometimes the most tender hearts are the ones that have suffered the most.

To bookmark the year, I saw that in action at a FOCUS missionaries retreat I helped with this month. I think the boost from being around all those young people with generous hearts helped get me across the finish line to the recently published book "A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living."

When we give God time, he can work some unexpected miracles. My prayer for everyone this Christmas is a little time in silence, pondering creation — especially human life and the family, as we see in the Christ Child and His Holy Family — and encountering the Creator.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book "A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living." She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

Sanders and Trump surge, Biden rebounds in fundraising race

BY WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders announced Thursday that his campaign had raised an impressive \$34.5 million in the final three months of last year, solidifying him as the quarter's top fundraiser in the crowded Democratic presidential field. Former Vice President Joe Biden rebounded from a summer slump to take in a respectable \$22.7 million over the same period.

And, still looking to play political spoiler, businessman Andrew Yang collected \$16.5 million in 2019's fourth quarter.

Each of the three candidates celebrated his latest fundraising for different reasons. Sanders' shows that a recent heart attack hasn't slowed him as primary voting looms. Biden trails the Vermont senator in the money race but topped his third quarter fundraising total of \$15.2 million by nearly 50 percent. Yang's haul is enough to prove he remains very much in the race despite joining it as a political unknown.

The announcements came a day after the strong \$24.7 million that Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, announced raising from October through December.

While notable, the amount of money pouring into Democratic campaigns could be a mixed blessing. It suggests the party's primary may feature a long and protracted fight at a time when some would like to see a clear front-runner

emerge. The lead-off Iowa caucuses are barely a month out, and Sanders, Biden and Buttigieg have been among the leaders of the crowded field, along with Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, the one top candidate whose latest fundraising may not be as strong.

Like Sanders, Warren has relied heavily on small donations coming primarily online. Her campaign raised \$24.6 million in the third quarter, but it acknowledged in a recent fundraising email collecting around only \$17 million with a few days to go — hoping to persuade supporters to open their wallets and improve the final totals.

Warren hasn't released her fourth quarter numbers but said while campaigning in New Hampshire on Thursday that they'd be out soon.

All Democrats, meanwhile, may need as much cash as they can get. President Donald Trump's re-election campaign announced Thursday that it had raised \$46 million in the fourth quarter and had a campaign bank account of \$102.7 million. How much cash those trying to unseat

Trump have on hand likely won't be clear until federal reporting deadlines later this month.

Biden has generally relied on more traditional fundraising methods than Sanders and Warren have, including frequent events with large donors. But the former vice president's campaign said it invested almost \$5.2 million in tech and digital outreach in recent months, which helped it double the amount of money raised

online in the fourth quarter versus the third.

The campaign also said that 57 percent of Biden's fourth quarter donors were new and that it saw a bump in fundraising compared to previous weeks while impeachment proceedings against the president were being held in the House.

"Today's announcement is just the latest evidence of Joe Biden's growing strength and momentum heading into the early contests of 2020," Biden campaign manager Greg Schultz said in a statement, adding that the haul serves as "a constant reminder to Democratic primary voters that Trump is terrified by the idea of facing Joe Biden in a general election."

Sanders' campaign said its funds came from more than 1.8 million donations, including from 40,000 new donors on the final day of the year alone.

"Bernie Sanders is closing the year with the most donations of any candidate in history at this point in a presidential campaign," his campaign manager, Faiz Shakir, said in a statement.

Sanders' 2020 bid has now raised more than \$96 million built on 5 million-plus individual donations worth an average of about \$18. That's a testament to the senator's consistent campaign strength, despite facing questions when he started running about whether he could recreate the momentum from his unlikely rise to formidable primary challenger to Hillary Clinton in 2016 — and a serious health scare that

might have derailed other candidates.

Sanders' campaign said that more than 99 percent of his donors have not reached federal donation limits, meaning they can contribute again. Its overall announced total does not include the \$12.7 million Sanders transferred from other campaign accounts as part of his presidential run.

Sanders suffered a heart attack while campaigning in Las Vegas on Oct. 1. The 78-year-old has released three letters from doctors saying that he had suffered "modest heart muscle damage" but has since recovered well and is fit enough for the rigors of the presidential campaign and the White House should he win.

Sanders' campaign said its best fundraising month came in December, when it took in more than \$18 million from 900,000-plus donations. In an email to supporters, Sanders vowed that there will be more where that came from. It said that the most common occupation listed by its donors was teacher and that the five most common employers were Amazon, Starbucks, Walmart, the U.S. Postal Service and Target.

"Against Trump, I believe we will have 50 million individual contributions, at least. And at \$27 a piece, that would be more than \$1 billion," Sanders wrote.

"It's absolutely obscene and outrageous that an election would cost that much money, but our campaign has proven we will be able to raise more than enough money to win."

DCS

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neglect-related deaths.

Historically, the report has examined data reported during the state fiscal year. In 2019, Indiana law

was revised to require the report cover the calendar year. An addendum covering the six-month period between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2017, is attached to this year's report. The addendum details 26 abuse- or neglect-related

deaths; 135 deaths were investigated during that time.

None of these 26 deaths were listed as being from Wabash County, either.

DCS and the Indiana State Department of Health work together to promote

best practices for keeping children safe while sleeping.

Experts encourage parents and caregivers to remember the ABCs:

"Children should sleep Alone, on their Back, in a Crib," stated the release.

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Beating Donald Trump in the 2020 election isn't everything; it's the only thing

To the casual observer of the Democratic debates, it seems like candidates are spending a lot of time debating improbable ideas like free tuition – that is, when they are not arguing the appropriateness of holding fundraisers in wine caves.

While President Donald Trump is holding pep rallies in key battleground states, the Democrats are engaged in what looks at times like a squabble within an academic department.

Perhaps as a result, the ratings for the Democratic encounters have been slipping with each installment. To some degree, this is the inevitable outcome of a race pitting an incumbent against a large field of would-be challengers.

Focus on winning 2020

But there is also a warning in it: Few of the ideas being debated are getting much traction beyond Democratic true believers. And even many Democrats are ready to see some winnowing of the field in the early caucus and primary

states.

This is a pretty good indication that the party's voters should focus largely on one overriding issue: which of the candidates is best equipped to defeat Donald Trump next November.

In just a few short years, Trump has promoted the interests of U.S. foes, needlessly run up massive government debts, thwarted progress on climate change, done palpable harm to America's health care system, and turned the once-proud party of Abe Lincoln and Ronald Reagan into an adulation cult.

Ridding the nation of his unfit leadership is far more important than who has the most extensive plan to hand out free money (we're looking at you, Andrew Yang) or require everyone to get their health care through an expanded Medicare (Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders).

The Democrats need a nominee who can go toe-to-toe with Trump, explain to the electorate why he is so wrong in so many ways, and

build a consensus on taking the nation in a new direction.

Practical proposals

This is not to say issues don't matter. If the candidates merely criticized Trump and touted their own electability, they would come off as lacking substance. But the ideas and issues they present in the primaries need to be the kind that can garner widespread support in a general election – particularly in crucial states such as Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

These would include practical proposals to preserve and expand health coverage, rebuild America's standing in the world, adopt sounder fiscal policies and address climate change.

If Democrats get too hung up on debating the finer points of fundraising purity or mandatory "Medicare for All," they face being confined to debating these issues in perpetuity.

This editorial was first published in USA Today.

Evangelicals can't have it both ways

As Christians celebrate the miracle of Christmas, let us all take a moment to reflect on what the magazine founded by evangelist Billy Graham, Christianity Today, just said about President Trump: "None of the president's positives can balance the moral and political danger we face under a leader of such grossly immoral character." Finally.

Only now, nearly three years into his presidency, are some in the evangelical Christian community beginning to face what should have always been a central issue for anyone trying to lead a moral life: what Christianity Today, in an editorial advocating Trump's removal from office, called the president's "bent and broken" character.

"To the many evangelicals who continue to support Mr. Trump in spite of his blackened moral record, we might say this: Remember who you are and whom you serve," the editorial warned. "Consider how your justification of Mr. Trump influences your witness to your Lord and Savior. Consider what an unbelieving world will say if you continue to brush off Mr. Trump's immoral words and behavior in the cause of political expediency. If we don't reverse course now, will anyone take anything we say about justice and righteousness with any seriousness for decades to come?"

The answer is no. Evangelicals cannot have it both ways. They can't claim to be a clarion voice of Christian values in the public square while at the same time behaving in politics like amoral secularists. Why take them seriously if they talk the talk but won't walk the walk?

I should note that we are talking primarily about white evangelicals, who form the core of Trump's loyal base. I should also note that the president and his supporters, in reaction to the Christianity Today piece, are freaking out.

Trump squealed on Twitter, of course, calling the anti-abortion, pro-family magazine "far-left" and claiming its editors "would rather have a Radical Left nonbeliever, who wants to take your religion & your guns, than Donald Trump as your President. No President has done more for the Evangelical community, and it's not even close."

The Trump campaign scheduled an event Jan. 3 in Miami billed as "Evangelicals for Trump." Marc Short, chief of staff to Vice President Pence, went on the Sunday talk shows to trumpet Trump administration policies popular with evangelicals, including its uncritical support for Israel. And nearly 200 prominent evangelicals sent a letter to Christianity Today's president protesting the editorial and reaffirming their support for Trump.

But all the huffing and puffing just focuses more attention on the editorial and its powerful argument. Written by editor-in-chief Mark Galli, the piece begins by endorsing some of the arguments made by Republicans against the process that led to Trump's impeachment. "The Democrats have had it out for him from day one, and therefore nearly everything they do is under a cloud of suspicion," Galli wrote. "And no, Mr. Trump did not have a serious opportunity to offer his side of the story in the House hearings."

But the piece finds it "unambiguous" that Trump "attempted to use his political power to coerce a foreign leader to harass and discredit one of the president's political opponents." This is "profoundly immoral," the editorial says, and he should be ousted by the Senate at his trial or by the voters in November.

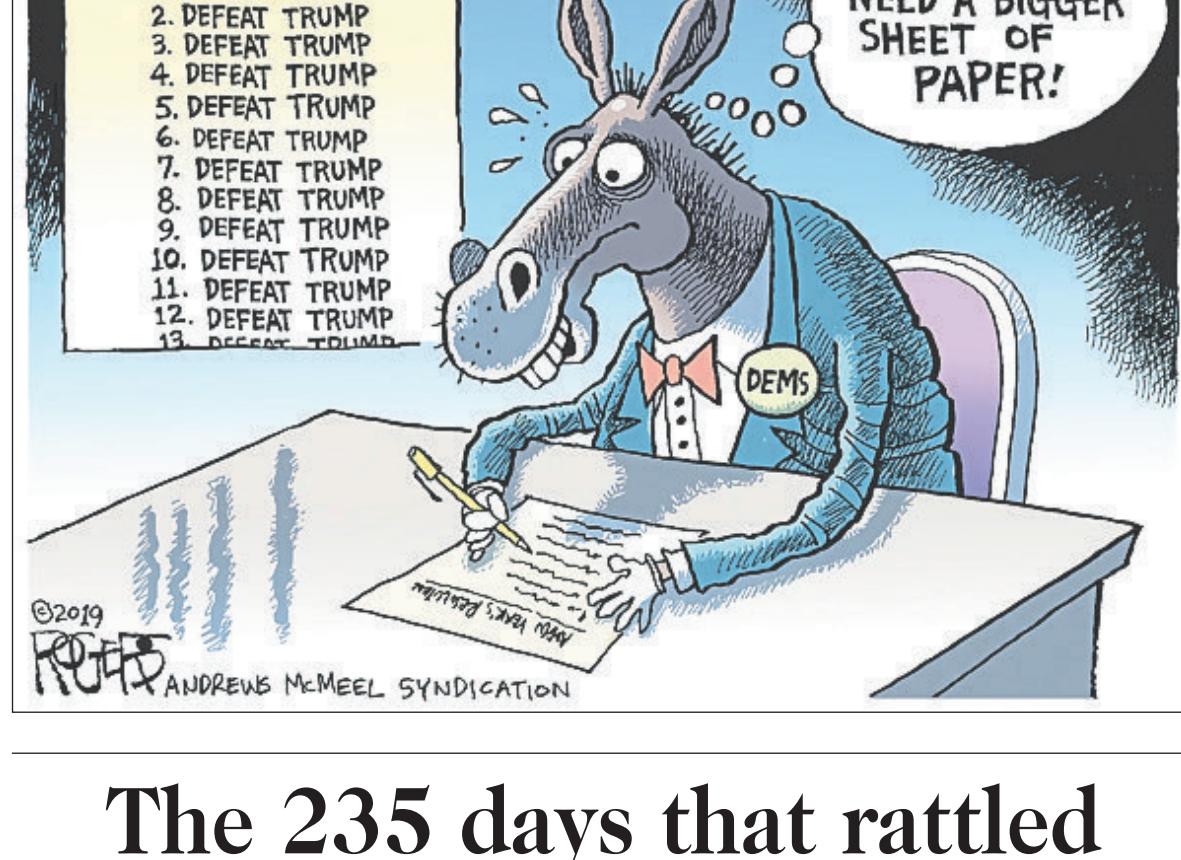
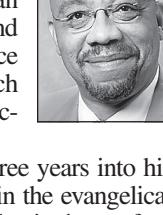
Trump would seem to have little to fear from the Senate, since Majority Leader McConnell has made clear that the fix is in. The election is another story, however. Roughly 80 percent of white voters who self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians chose Trump over Hillary Clinton in 2016, according to exit polls. If that percentage falls in 2020, or if significant numbers of evangelicals decide to stay home on Election Day, Trump's reelection is in serious trouble.

The president – who has "admitted to immoral actions in business and his relationship with women, about which he remains proud," Christianity Today noted – has sought to cement his relationship with evangelicals by encouraging them to see themselves as under siege. He went so far as to invent an imaginary "war on Christmas," which he now claims to have won.

His evangelical enablers argue that we are all imperfect, we are all sinners, and, anyway, just look at all the anti-abortion judges Trump has appointed.

But come on. Can a Christian movement completely ignore morality? Can it pretend not to know the difference between a leader who strives to be good and one who doesn't? Where in the Bible does it say anything goes?

Eugene Robinson



The 235 days that rattled China and shook the world

They were 235 days that shook the world, rattled China's regime and refuted the most pernicious

wishful thinking since the appeasement of dictators collapsed eight decades ago. Nothing more momentous happened in 2019 than Hong Kong's heroic insurrection.

It began with the April 3 introduction by Beijing's Hong Kong satraps of an extradition bill that would have facilitated the sweeping of inconvenient people into the mainland's suppression machinery that is both Kafkaesque and Orwellian. The convulsions culminated in, but did not end with, Nov. 24's cymbal-crash elections in which the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), which had counted on the island city's majority to rebuke the demonstrators, learned the limits of its sterile program of purchasing subservience by promising prosperity.

Elsewhere on China's periphery, Taiwan has a presidential election in less than two weeks. China's President Xi Jinping began 2019 with a Jan. 2 speech identifying Taiwan as the focus of his campaign to make China great again. If – when, probably – on Jan. 11, 2020, Taiwan reelects President Tsai Ing-wen, the Taiwanese will have joined Hong Kongers in disdaining the "one country, two systems" fudge as a formula for the incremental suffocation of freedom.

Thirty autumns ago, as the Berlin Wall crumbled and the Soviet Union teetered, approximately 1.5 billion people lived under communist regimes. Today, approximately 1.5 billion people still do. The 1989 figure was 29 percent of the world's population compared with

20 percent in 2019, but 89 percent of today's 20 percent are caught in the tightening vise of China's Leninism, whose inviolable tenet is that nothing shall challenge the party's supremacy.

With this year's revelations about the million, or perhaps millions, swept into the gulag archipelago in northwestern China, it is possible to hope that in 2020 we will hear less from American businessmen who are as obtuse as they are cocksure. Just 51 days before The New York Times published more than 400 pages of documents on China's concentration camps, presidential aspirant Michael Bloomberg said the CCP's leaders "listen to the public," and "Xi Jinping is not a dictator."

Not content to just "listen to" the public, the CCP, using ever-more-sophisticated technology, surveils almost everything done by almost everyone. Perhaps 2019 foreshadowed the day when today's Bloomberg will be remembered as Charles Lindbergh and others are remembered because they thought dictators in the 1930s were "the wave of the future."

Would that America's serial grovelers had the gumption of the creators of "South Park." When China, a supposedly great power that was actually discombobulated by this animated TV series, banned it, the creators said: "We welcome the Chinese censors into our homes and into our hearts. ... Xi doesn't look just like Winnie the Pooh at all. ... Long live the Great Communist Party of China! May this autumn's sorghum harvest be bountiful! We good now China?"

"We have to stand with Hong Kong, but I'm also standing with President Xi," said America's president, who also said of Xi: "He's a friend of mine." Xi should reciprocate friendly feelings because Donald Trump's biggest blunder, made

three days after his inauguration, was jettisoning the Trans-Pacific Partnership, thereby unraveling a 12-nation fabric of commercial cooperation that excluded China.

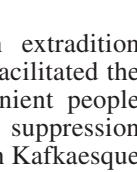
Two other Trump chums are Russia's Vladimir Putin and Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The former continued his incremental dismemberment of Europe's geographically largest nation, Ukraine, and the latter took Trump's warning against attacking the Kurds as seriously as Trump meant it.

North Korea's Kim Jong Un does not have to settle for mere friendship – in 2018 Trump said "we fell in love" – but in 2019 the romance seemed unreciprocated. Kim ended a 522-day self-imposed moratorium on ballistic missile tests, but Trump minimized their importance because the missiles could not reach the continental United States – just South Korea, Japan and the 80,000 U.S. forces in both places. However, North Korea has given Trump until right now – the end of this calendar year – to make additional U.S. concessions, beyond the scaling back of joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises, to avoid "shocking punishment." Fresh concessions are North Korea's price for resumption of negotiations that will lead, if the future is like the last 25 years, to other concessions.

However, because nuclear weapons are at issue, you must remember this: In 1945, having witnessed the New Mexico birth of something used on Japan three weeks later, the Manhattan Project's leaders would have been pleasantly surprised had they known that 2019 would be the 73rd year without the use of what they had created. Sometimes what does not happen is itself momentous.

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SBC's #ChurchToo moment tops poll of RNA stories

Protest rallies have been common during the #MeToo era, but many of the demonstrators outside the 2019 Southern Baptist Convention were quoting scripture.

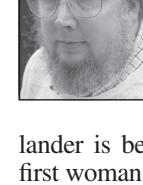
As a teaching tool, they offered a large model of a millstone. That was a reference to the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus warns that for anyone who leads "little ones" astray, "it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

Protesters come and go. Inside the convention center in Birmingham, Alabama, Rachael Denhollander warned SBC leaders that it was past time for them to focus on the faces and stories of sexual-abuse survivors in their own pews.

Abuse survivors are trying to get church leaders to stop hiding abusers and the institutions that shelter them, she said. Far too often, "we do this in the name of unity: 'Don't say anything negative. We need to be unified.' But brothers and sisters ... we are to be unified around the holiness of God. We are to be unified around our confrontation of sin and our confrontation of the darkness. We are to seek light."

Headlines about sexual abuse among Southern Baptists are "not a surprise" to survivors, she added. "What you need to understand is these men and women have

been pleading with the church to hear their voices for decades, and they have been shut out over and over and over again in the name of Christ. That's what the SBC has done to these survivors. You need to understand the perspective that they have come from.

Terry Mattingly

 Here's the rest of this year's RNA Top 10:

1. Denholander is best known as the first woman to speak out and file a police report of abuse against USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar. She has also played a crucial role in the #ChurchToo firestorm surrounding the SBC after a Houston Chronicle investigation that revealed hundreds of victims of abuse by clergy and volunteers in America's largest non-Catholic flock. Members of the Religion News Association selected the SBC scandal as the top religion story of 2019.

However, Denhollander was not selected as the Religion Newswriters Association (RNA)'s top religion newsmaker. That honor went to Democratic U.S. Reps. Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib, who were at the center of bitter 2019 debates about U.S. aid to Israel.

I voted for Denhollander as

the top religion newsmaker. As my No. 1 story, I combined several poll options to focus on the year's hellish uptick in attacks on worshippers in mosques, Jewish facilities and churches, including 250 killed in terrorist attacks on Easter in Sri Lanka.

Here's the rest of this year's RNA Top 10:

2. A gunman linked to white-supremacist blasts on social media kills 51 worshipers and wounds 39 at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, creating a stunning video of his rampage.

3. A special United Methodist Church General Conference affirms the church's doctrines on marriage and sex, including a ban on same-sex marriage rites and the ordination of noncelibate LGBTQ clergy. Signs of schism increase, including a statement by Western Conference bishops offering a "safe harbor" for gay and trans clergy.

4. In Catholic scandal news, former cardinal Theodore McCarrick is defrocked for the abuse of boys and sexual harassment of seminarians. Buffalo (New York) Bishop Richard Malone resigns after mishandling abuse cases, and a report pins financial and sexual sins on former Wheeling-Charleston (West Virginia) Bishop Michael Bransfield.

5. The beloved Catholic

shrine Notre-Dame de Paris is heavily damaged by fire, while heroic first responders, including the chaplain of the Paris Fire Brigade, prevent total destruction.

6. Old-guard Christian conservatives protect President Donald Trump amid impeachment hearings, while evidence grows of tensions and splits in evangelicalism.

7. A Gallup poll finds that about half of Americans have ties to a house of worship, while Pew Forum research indicates that 26 percent of Americans are now "Nones."

8. Democrats Omar and Tlaib – the first Muslim congresswomen – are denied entry to Israel, while drawing fierce online attacks from President Trump.

9. Hindu nationalists in India revoke the autonomy of majority-Muslim Kashmir, while the Supreme Court backs Hindus seeking a temple on the site of a mosque razed by mobs in 1992.

10. Gunmen kill one person at a Poway, California, synagogue; two others outside a German synagogue; and three in a Jersey City kosher market. Anti-Semitic attacks and threats increase around the world.

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CHURCH NEWS

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Jan. 5 at Asbury Country Church the Sunday school is 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Worship leader will be Amy Bullick. The music leader will be Mel Hoover. The piano will be played by Cathy Staggs. The morning message by Pastor Mike Bullick will be, "A Time for Renewal."

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Jan. 5 worship services at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry and the organist will be Kristy Good. The message for the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. services in our January Mythbusters Series will be "Mythology 101" from John 8:31-32. The Communion Table will be served by Bill Miller and Chuck Marion. Children's Church at the 10:30 service will be led by Randall and Linda Good.

Roann United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Jan. 5 at Roann United Methodist Church, the church service will be at 9 a.m. and Sunday school will be at 10:15 a.m. The greeters will be Bill and Becky Bogner. The worship leader will be Doug Bogert. Pastor Wayne Balmer's sermon will be from Genesis 1:1-3 titled, "In The Beginning."

Music by the Kuhn Family.

Walk By Faith Community Church

At the Sunday, Jan. 5 service at the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school will be at 9 a.m., and the worship and children's worship will be at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn. The youth pastor is Jody Tyner. Our greeters for this Sunday will be Larry and Nancy Meyer, and Ted and Delinda Brower.

Pastor Greg Wilburn will be sharing the message with us. We invite all to come and worship with us. Visit our website at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

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SMALL TOWN

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the world, Wabash is the aptly named county seat of Wabash County. If you are looking for a fun date night or family experience, catch a show at the Honeywell Center and/or stay at the historic Charley Creek Inn," stated Visit Indiana.

A few of the other "must-see small towns" include Franklin, Corydon and Whiting.

"Franklin was recently named in our 2019 Best of Indiana people's choice campaign as the Best Main Street. Officials said new businesses to the downtown area, including res-

taurants and shops, are helping the area thrive. You can commemorate Indiana's first state capital in Corydon. There you can follow the development of Indiana from a territory to a state, shop on the historic square or visit a nearby cave. Whiting, located along Lake Michigan's south shore, is home to summer concerts, the Whiting Oilmen baseball team and the National Mascot Hall of Fame. They also have the famous, Pierogi Fest, which has been featured on Oprah.com, the Travel Channel and the Food Network," stated the release.

Visit Indiana also re-

leased a second list of top dining destinations.

"Home to delicious menus and incredible atmospheres, these 20 eateries are truly destination dining experiences," stated the release. "A few must-try experiences include St. Elmo Steak House, South Side Soda Shop and FARM-Bloomington. St. Elmo Steak House has been a landmark in downtown Indianapolis since 1902. It's known for its great quality food and its famous shrimp cocktail and spicy horseradish sauce. St. Elmo uses over 6,500 pounds of fresh horseradish each year. St. Elmo is no stranger to publicity

and has accolades from all over the country, but there's only one St. Elmo.

Food Network recently named the South Side Soda Shop in Goshen one of the 'Best Diners in the Country.' The 1950s retro soda shop is known for its Green River sundae float and its cheesesteak sub. The South Side Soda Shop has been featured on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, twice. FARM-Bloomington and Chef Daniel Orr have been featured in Food Network Magazine. Chef Orr is known to take a sophisticated spin on regular dishes and create crowd-pleasing recipes. He uses locally grown and sourced foods."

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive.

Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade).

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive.

Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available.

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor

Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm.

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass &

Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Saturday Mass 5:30pm. Sunday Masses 9:30am. Tues. & Thurs. 9am; 8:15am during school year. Weekday Masses: Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30pm; Tues. & Thurs., 9am. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15-5:15pm Saturday or by appointment (260) 563-4750.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro.

Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260)

774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm.

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine.

Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and

US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert

Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street

(off Falls Avenue). Interim, Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church, 110 W Hill Street. Rev. Haley

Asberry, Minister. (260) 563-4179. Worship 9:30am. Sunday School 11am. Nursery provided.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of

Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tyler, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am.

LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S

Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street.

Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity.tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

First United Methodist Church, 110 N Cass Street.

Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook.

Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostetter. (260) 563-3108.

Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult

Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School

for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except

for 1st Sunday each month). Kids First Child Care: age 4 weeks thru

12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley

Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham,

Director. This Sunday is our Confirmation and Graduate Sunday. Our

notice has been adapted to reflect that.

North Manchester United Methodist Church,

306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260)

982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship

9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson.

(260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available.

Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages.

Roann United Methodist Church, Corner of Adams

and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931.

Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



PRECIOUS TIME



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When 2019 ends, 365 days will have passed. As 2020 begins, it will bring another measure of time...366 days more. We will begin to speak of the old year as "last year" and the new year as "this year." Last year may have been a happy one or a sad one. Happy moments, shared with others - a birth, wedding, anniversary - are times we look back on with joy. Difficulties - illness, bereavement, betrayal - cause us to remember the pain and sorrow. This New Year, shape the future by what you have learned from the past - the good along with the bad. Live well and do better; spend your time so that it blesses you and everyone around you. The time God has allotted us on this earth is most precious. Most of all, remember to praise Him for each and every moment.

Daily Bible Reading

Titus 3:1-15 Revelation 21:1-27 Revelation 22:1-21 Romans 1:1-17 Romans 1:18-32 Romans 2:1-16 Matthew 1:1-17

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Kings' Dewayne Dedmon fined \$50,000 for trade comments

NEW YORK (AP) — Sacramento Kings center Dewayne Dedmon has been fined \$50,000 by the NBA for public comments about wanting a trade.

The league made the announcement on Thursday, calling the comments detrimental to the NBA and its teams. He made the request in a recent interview with The Sacramento Bee.

Before the Kings played the Denver Nuggets on Sunday, he talked about wanting a trade, saying "I would like to be traded. I haven't been playing, so I would like to go somewhere where my talents are appreciated."

Under the NBA's collective bargaining agreement, players cannot make public demands for a trade. The 30-year-old Dedmon signed a three-year, \$40 million deal with the Kings in the offseason.

Last season, the league fined then-New Orleans Pelicans star Anthony Davis \$50,000 after his agent made a public trade request.

Yankees' German suspended 81 games for domestic violence

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees pitcher Domingo Germán will miss the first 63 games of the 2020 season as part of an 81-game ban for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

The league announced the suspension Thursday. Germán has agreed not to appeal.

Germán was put on administrative leave on Sept. 19 while MLB investigated an alleged domestic violence incident involving his girlfriend, with whom he has at least one child. He missed the final nine games of the 2019 regular season and all nine of New York's postseason games. Those missed games will count toward his ban.

Germán will participate in a treatment program and will also make a contribution to Sanctuary for Families, a New York-based nonprofit group that aids victims of domestic violence.

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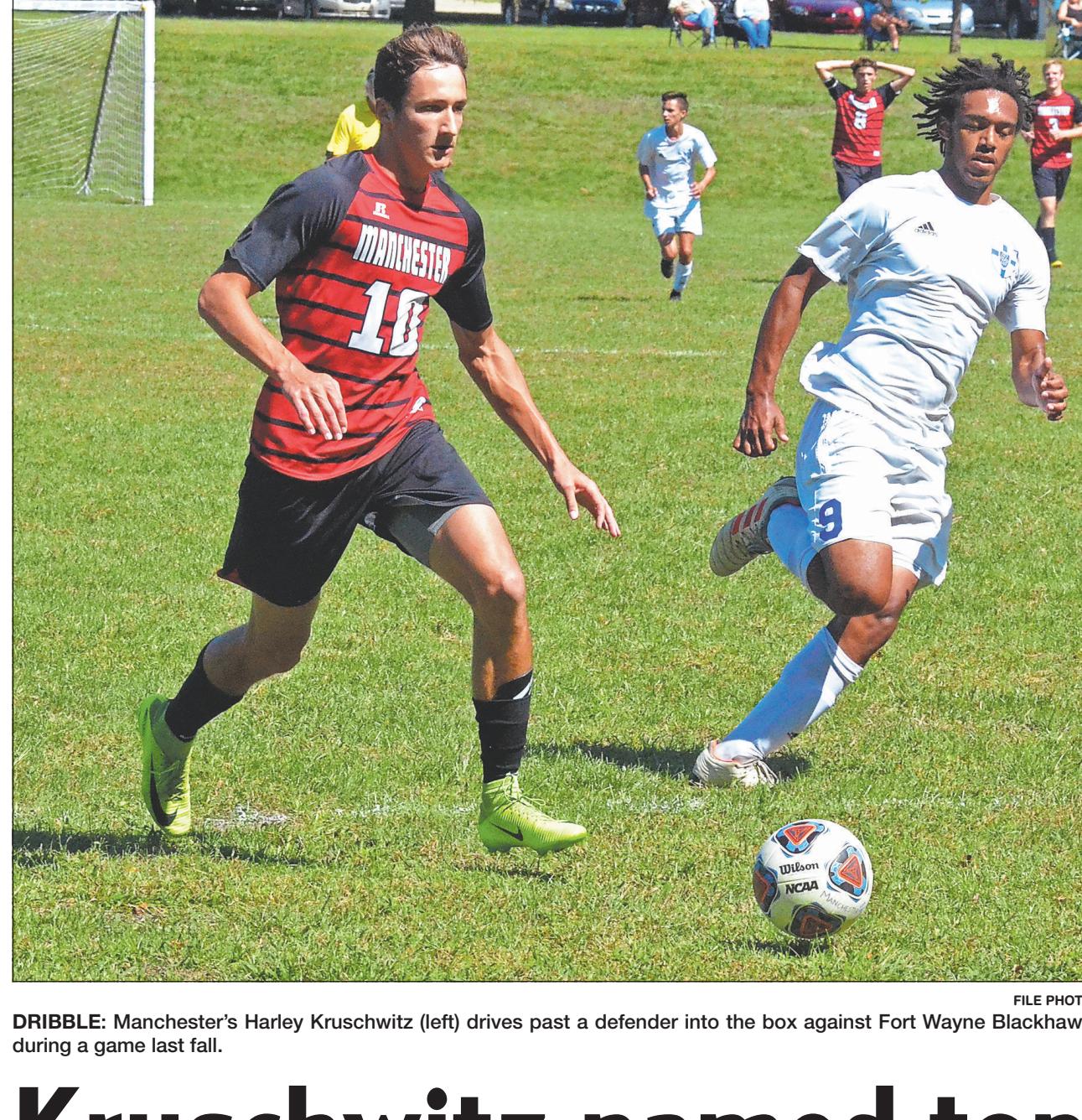
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HIGH SCHOOL MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



DRIBBLE: Manchester's Harley Kruschwitz (left) drives past a defender into the box against Fort Wayne Blackhawk during a game last fall.

Kruschwitz named top male athlete of year

BY JACOB RUDE
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Having officially turned over the calendars to 2020, the Wabash Plain Dealer will continue its look back to the best moments, teams and athletes of 2019 by looking at the top male athletes of the year.

5. Trenton Daughtry, Wabash

A two-sport standout, Daughtry started 2019 by leading the boys' basketball team to conference and sectional titles. Daughtry led the team in scoring at 18.7 points per game as the only Apache to average double figures. He also cleared the 1,000-point mark for his career and has moved into the top 20 all-time scorers in boys' basketball history in Wabash County.

In the spring, Daughtry earned his second sectional

title of the calendar year, tossing a team-high 61.1 inn-

nings on the mound for the Apache baseball team while sporting a 1.71 ERA. Daugh-

try tossed a complete game

shutout in Wabash's sectional

final win over Manchester.

4. Kallen Kelsheimer, Wabash

In-between seasons as a vi-

tal role player for the Apache

basketball team, Kelsheimer

had standout performances

on the diamond and gridiron.

In the spring, Kelsheimer was arguably the top player in the conference, batting .422 on the season to lead

Wabash. The catcher led the

team in both on-base per-

centage and slugging and

was an offensive catalyst as

the Apaches secured a sec-

tional title, knocking in four

runs across Wabash's three

sectional games.

On the gridiron this fall,

Kelsheimer earned All-Con-

ference honors after lead-

ing the county in rushing as

the lone player to cross the

1,000-yard plateau, finish-

ing with 1,070 yards on the

season. The senior closed the

regular season with consecu-

tive 200-yard games with a

pair of touchdowns in each.

3. Gabe Lloyd, Southwood

Another three-sport stand-

out, Lloyd had big roles on

multiple title-winning teams.

While serving as a starter for

the Knight basketball team

to start and end the year,

Lloyd's biggest contribu-

tions came in the spring and

fall.

Lloyd served predomi-

nantly as the catcher in the

spring for conference cham-

pion Southwood baseball

team and led the team in hit-

ting with a batting average of

.411 on the year. Lloyd

also led the team in home

runs (seven), extra-base hits

(12), hits (30) and slugging

percentage (.767) while also

tossing 12 innings on the

mound with a 2.33 ERA.

In the fall, Lloyd took a minor step back offensively for the Knights while upping his contributions defensively while helping the Knights to back-to-back conference titles. Lloyd finished with a team-high 684 yards rushing with 13 touchdowns while also leading the team in tackles for loss with 14 as a defensive end.

2. Braden Sweet, Southwood

Despite competing in just

two sports, Sweet earned

state qualifications in both.

In the spring, Sweet pieced

together a memorable sea-

son by finishing second in

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NFL

Ballard to remain patient about Colts quarterback options

BY MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts are willing to give Jacoby Brissett another full season to prove himself.

It doesn't mean they're out

of the quarterback market.

General manager Chris Ballard acknowledged during Thursday's season-end-

ing news conference that Indy's passing game needs to improve next season, and he intends to use the next several months building competition at all positions — including quarterback.

"I think he (Brissett) has the talent to play. He's a great leader. He's got to be more consistent, no question," Ballard said before addressing the possibility of adding a potential future starter in the draft or free agency. "If we have an opportunity to acquire a player

that makes us better at any spot, we'll do it. But to do it just to do it, that's bad."

It's a debate the Colts (7-9)

haven't had in decades.

After drafting Peyton Manning with the No. 1 overall pick in 1998, the perennial Pro Bowler started every game for the next 13 seasons before missing the entire 2011 season with a neck injury. Indy then released Manning in March 2012, clearing the way for Andrew Luck, the top pick in the 2012 draft.

Luck missed only 10 games over the next five seasons before sitting out all of 2017 with a shoulder injury. When he returned in 2018, Luck won the league's Comeback Player of the Year Award, and the future for Indianapolis appeared to be bright.

But his sudden retirement last August upended those

thoughts and handed the job back to Brissett, who started 15 games in place of Luck in 2017.

This time, Brissett led the Colts to a 5-2 start before a second-half collapse eliminated Indy from the playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

Ballard insists it wasn't entirely Brissett's fault and anyone who believes Luck will return should think again.

"Look, Andrew's retired," Ballard said. "Do I talk to Andrew? Yes, I do. I haven't talked to him in a few weeks because I think he's busy being a father. But Andrew's retired and I think we all have to accept that."

The quarterback question isn't the only big offseason decision Ballard faces.

Placekicker Adam Vinatieri, the NFL's career scoring leader, can become a

free agent in March. The 47-year-old is rehabbing from knee surgery on his plant leg after finishing the worst season of his career on injured reserve.

Indy announced Monday that Chase McLaughlin, Vinatieri's replacement, signed a one-year deal though Ballard didn't rule out Vinatieri's return.

"We're going to let him rehab and we'll revisit that, probably in late February," Ballard said.

And then there's the possibility of yet another early retirement, this time from longtime left tackle Anthony Castonzo. On Monday, the 31-year-old Castonzo told reporters he could walk away rather than enter free agency or re-sign with the Colts.

The offensive line was one

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NBA

Stern and his legacy will remain

BY TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — Nick Nurse has quite a few reasons to be thankful for David Stern.

The coach of the NBA champion Toronto Raptors first encountered Stern around 20 years ago. Nurse, who was coaching in London, met Stern — then the NBA commissioner — through a mutual friend and remembers how fascinating it was to have conversations with him. Fast forward a few years, and Nurse had an idea to bring a team from what was then called the NBA Development League to his native Iowa.

Stern and the NBA liked the idea. The Iowa team was born. Nurse was its first coach. The rest is history. And Nurse is one of countless people reflecting now on Stern's impact, after the man who ran the NBA for 30 years died on Wednesday about three weeks following a brain hemorrhage.

"There's no denying how much he grew the game. He was the leader behind all that," Nurse said. "Obviously, lots of important people play important roles there, but still, somebody's got to lead that thing and he was doing that at a level that was unseen."

For all of Stern's accomplishments — and there are many — growth of the game may be the biggest one of all.

Nurse is the perfect example. If what is now called the G League wasn't born, at Stern's best, then Nurse probably wouldn't be coaching the reigning champions right now. And if Stern didn't push to reach out into more markets, including Canada, then the Raptors might not even exist.

"This was his baby," Toronto guard Kyle Lowry said. "He helped grow this thing into what it is today. And you've got to give him a lot — I wouldn't say all — but a whole lot of the credit."

Stern, when he stepped down as commissioner, said growth of the league was his top achievement.

"My greatest accomplishment was in hiring the now 1,200 people — that used to be 24 — that have taken the league to where it is," he said.

Some of Stern's other accomplishments of note:

ALL-STAR WEEKEND

Stern turned the NBA's All-Star Game — which long predicated his work with the league — into a weekend festival. The slam dunk contest was added in 1984, the 3-point contest in 1986, what started as the rookie game arrived in 1994 and the skills contest was born in 2003.

The game itself, always held on Sunday night to cap the weekend, is now just a part of the show.

"It was a showcase of what David Stern knew was the backbone of the NBA — its stars," Larry Bird, the first 3-point contest winner, said in 2014.

EQUALITY

Boston's Bill Russell was arguably the first black player to achieve superstar status in the NBA.

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SCOREBOARD

NFL

Playoffs
Wild Card Round
Saturday, Jan. 4
Buffalo at Houston, 4:35 p.m. (ESPN / ABC)
Tennessee at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 5
Minnesota at New Orleans, 1:05 p.m. (FOX)
Seattle at Philadelphia, 4:40 p.m. (NBC)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowl glance
Friday, Dec. 20
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau
Buffalo 31, Charlotte 9
Saturday, Dec. 21
Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
NC A&T 64, Alcorn State 44
New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
San Diego State 48, Central Michigan 11
Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Liberty 23, Georgia Southern 16
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
FAU 52, SMU 28
Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
Arkansas State 34, FIU 26
New Orleans Bowl
Appalachian State 31, UAB 17
Las Vegas Bowl
Washington 38, Boise State 7
Monday, Dec. 23
Gasparilla Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
UCF 48, Marshall 25
Tuesday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu
Hawaii 38, BYU 34
Thursday, Dec. 26
Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
Louisiana Tech 14, Miami 0
Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Pittsburgh 34, Eastern Michigan 30
Friday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
North Carolina 55, Temple 13
Pinstripe Bowl
New York
Michigan State 27, Wake Forest 21
Texas Bowl
Houston
Texas A&M 24, Oklahoma State 21
Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Iowa 49, Southern Cal 24
Cheez-It Bowl
Phoenix
Air Force 31, Washington State 21
Saturday, Dec. 28
Camping World Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Notre Dame 33, Iowa State 9
Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
Penn State 53, Memphis 39
Peach Bowl
Atlanta
CFP Semifinal: LSU 63, Oklahoma 28
Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
CFP Semifinal: Clemson 29, Ohio State 23
Monday, Dec. 30
First Responder Bowl
Dallas
Western Kentucky 23, Western Michigan 20
Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Louisville 38, Mississippi State 28
Redbox Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
California 35, Illinois 20
Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Florida 36, Virginia 28
Tuesday, Dec. 31
Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
Kentucky 37, Virginia Tech 30
Sun Bowl
El Paso, Texas
Arizona State 20, Florida State 14
Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Navy 20, Kansas State 17
Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
Wyoming 38, Georgia State 17
Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
Texas 38, Utah 10
Wednesday, Jan. 1
Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Alabama 35, Michigan 16
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Minnesota 31, Auburn 24
Rose Bowl
Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon 28, Wisconsin 27
Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Georgia 26, Baylor 14
Thursday, Jan. 2
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Cincinnati (10-3) vs. Boston College (6-6)
Gator Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Indiana (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5)
Friday, Jan. 3
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Boise
Ohio (6-6) vs. Nevada (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 4
Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth, Texas
Southern Miss (7-5) vs. Tulane (6-6), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 6
LendingTree Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Miami (Ohio) (8-5) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (10-3), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 13
College Football Championships
New Orleans
Clemson (14-0) vs. LSU (14-0), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

(MEN'S)

7 p.m.
CBSSN: Toledo at Ball State

ESPN2: Central Florida at Houston

ESPN: Wright State at Oakland

FS1: Wisconsin at Ohio State

8 p.m.
BTN: Rutgers at Nebraska

9 p.m.
CBSSN: Kent State at Bowling Green

ESPN: Temple at Tulsa

FS1: Georgetown at Seton Hall

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

(WOMEN'S)

6:30 p.m.
FS2: DePaul at Providence

10 p.m.
PAC-12N: Colorado at Oregon

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

3:30 p.m.

ESPN: The Famous Idaho Potato Bowl: Ohio vs. Nevada (Reno), Boise, Idaho

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

(WOMEN'S)

8 p.m.
PAC-12N: Kentucky at Utah

COLLEGE HOCKEY

(MEN'S)

7 p.m.
NBCSN: Western Michigan at Notre Dame

Northwest Division

Denver 23 10 697 —
Utah 21 12 .636 2
Oklahoma City 18 15 .545 5
Portland 14 21 .400 10
Minnesota 12 21 .364 11

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers 27 7 .794 —
L.A. Clippers 24 11 .686 31/2
Phoenix 13 21 .382 13/2
Sacramento 12 22 .353 15
Golden State 9 26 .257 181/2

Tuesday's Games

Boston 109, Charlotte 92
Indiana 115, Philadelphia 97
L.A. Clippers 105, Sacramento 87
Toronto 117, Cleveland 97
Houston 130, Denver 104
San Antonio 117, Golden State 113, OT

Wednesday's Games

Oklahoma City 106, Dallas 101
Oklahoma City 106, Dallas 101
New York 122, Washington 101
New York 117, Portland 93
Milwaukee 106, Minnesota 104
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

Today's Games

Charlotte at Cleveland
Denver at Indiana
Toronto at Miami
Golden State at Minnesota
Utah at Chicago
Brooklyn at Dallas
Oklahoma City at San Antonio
Memphis at Sacramento
Detroit at L.A. Clippers

Friday's Games

Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Portland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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MLB

Don Larsen dies at 90

Indiana sports native threw the only perfect world series game in 1956

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Larsen, the journeyman pitcher who reached the heights of baseball glory when he threw a perfect game in 1956 with the New York Yankees for the only no-hitter in World Series history, died Wednesday night. He was 90.

He died of esophageal cancer while in hospice in Hayden, Idaho, said Larsen's agent, Andrew Levy.

In a Christmas Day message on social media, son Scott Larsen said his father was diagnosed with cancer soon after his annual trip to St. Louis in August to the St. Louis Browns Historical Society. He had recently completed radiation therapy.

Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement Thursday that Larsen's perfect game has "remained unique for 63 years and counting."

"On a team of many stars, Don illustrated that anyone can make history — even perfection — on our sport's biggest stage," Manfred said.

Larsen was the unluckiest of characters to attain what so many Hall of Famers couldn't pull off in the Fall Classic. He was 81-91 lifetime, never won more than 11 games in a season and finished an unsightly 3-21 with Baltimore in 1954, the year before he was dealt to the Yankees as part of an 18-player trade.

In the 1956 World Series, won in seven games by the Yankees, he was knocked out in the second inning of Game 2 by the Brooklyn Dodgers and didn't think he would have another opportunity to pitch. But when he reached Yankee Stadium on the morn-

ing of Oct. 8, he found a baseball in his shoe, the signal from manager Casey Stengel that he would start Game 5.

"I must admit I was shocked," Larsen wrote in his autobiography. "I knew I had to do better than the last time, keep the game close and somehow give our team a chance to win. Casey was betting on me, and I was determined not to let him down this time."

The Dodgers and Yankees split the first four games and Stengel liked the deception of Larsen's no-windup delivery. The manager's instincts proved correct. The lanky right-hander struck out seven, needed just 97 pitches to tame the Dodgers and only once went to three balls on a batter — against Pee Wee Reese in the first inning.

In winning 2-0, the Yankees themselves only managed five hits against the Dodgers' Sal Maglie, but scored on Mickey Mantle's home run and an RBI single by Hank Bauer.

Larsen, selected MVP of the 1956 Series, had two close calls. In the second inning, Jackie Robinson hit a hard grounder that was deflected by third baseman Andy Carey to shortstop Gil McDougald, who threw out Robinson. In the fifth, Mantle ran down a long drive to left-center field by Gil Hodges. With two outs in the ninth, pinch-hitter Dale Mitchell took a third strike, completing the perfect game and sending catcher Yogi Berra dashing out from behind the plate to leap into Larsen's arms.

"When Yogi Berra jumped on me and grabbed with the bear hug, my mind went completely blank," Larsen wrote in his autobiography. "I was under friendly attack ... I was swept into the dugout."

Their celebration remains one of baseball's most joyous images.

"Don's perfect game is a defining moment for our franchise, encapsulating a storied era of Yankees success and

ranking among the greatest single-game performances in Major League Baseball history," the Yankees said in a statement. "The unmitigated joy reflected in his embrace with Yogi Berra after the game's final out will forever hold a secure place in Yankees lore. It was the pinnacle of baseball success and a reminder of the incredible, unforgettable things that can take place on a baseball field."

Born Aug. 7, 1929, in Michigan City, Indiana, Larsen moved with his family to San Diego, where he went to Point Loma High School, the alma mater of another Yankees perfect game pitcher, David Wells. Larsen played basketball and baseball and was signed by the St. Louis Browns for a \$500 bonus and \$150 a month.

After two minor league seasons, Larsen hurt his arm and then spent two years in the Army. He was promoted to the Browns in 1953 and moved with the team to Baltimore the following year. He struggled through his 3-21 season but two of the wins were against the Yankees, who insisted he be included in the trade that also brought pitching star Bob Turley to New York.

Larsen started 1955 with the Yankees' farm team in Denver, where he went 9-1 and developed the no-windup delivery. Promoted to the majors midway through the season, he finished 9-2 for New York. Larsen went 11-5 the next season and enjoyed the party atmosphere that came with playing for the Yankees, often running with Mantle, Billy Martin and Whitey Ford in their late-night rounds of the city. On the night before his perfect game, he had been out on the town, believing he was not in Stengel's plans for the next day.

Larsen pitched in three other World Series. He won Game 2 in 1957 against Hank Aaron and the Milwaukee Braves, but lost the decisive Game 7.

He shut out the Braves 4-0 on six hits in Game 3 of the 1958 Series, when New York beat Milwaukee in seven games, and was back in the Bronx with the San Francisco Giants for the 1962 Fall Classic.

Pitching against the Yankees on Oct. 8, the sixth anniversary of his perfect game, he won in relief at Yankee Stadium. After the 1959 season, he was traded to Kansas City in a deal that brought Roger Maris to New York. With the A's, he went 1-10 in 1960, a reminder of his dreadful season with the Orioles. He was sent back to the minors where he became a relief pitcher and then moved on to the Giants, Chicago White Sox, Houston, Baltimore and the Chicago Cubs.

Larsen retired in 1967 with an 81-91 record over 14 major league seasons. He later worked as a liquor salesman and paper company executive and regularly attended the Yankees' annual Old-Timers' Day celebrations.

When David Cone tossed a perfect game for the Yankees during the 1999 season, Larsen was in attendance after throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

No other pitcher has thrown a perfect game in the postseason, but in 2010 the Phillies' Roy Halladay pitched a no-hitter against the Cincinnati Reds during the National League Division Series.

"They can never break my record," Larsen would say. "The best they can do is tie it. October 8, 1956, was a mystical trip through fantasyland. Sometimes I still wonder whether it really all happened."

Larsen died in 2010 at 81.

Larsen is survived by his wife of 62 years, Corrine; daughter-in-law Nancy; and grandsons Justin and Cody.

Funeral arrangements were pending.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Big East deep and full of NCAA tournament contenders

BY JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — One night, it might be Myles Powell, with Seton Hall's pair of 7-foot-2 centers patrolling the lane.

Or Villanova, with its championship pedigree and coach Jay Wright roaming the sideline.

Another tough Butler team. Xavier and its experience. The dynamic Markus Howard and Marquette. On and on it goes.

There are no off days in the Big East this year.

"You have to be on it every single night," Xavier coach Travis Steele said.

No kidding.

While the Big Ten, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference dominate the AP Top 25 this week, there is something to say for the emerging depth of the Big East. Villanova (No. 10) and Butler (No. 11) are the only Big East teams in the Top 25, but seven more schools from the conference received votes for the poll.

Providence was the only Big East school that got shut out, and it rolled to a 76-60 victory over Georgetown on Tuesday. The Hoyas had won six in a row, including an 89-79 win against Syracuse on Dec. 14 that impressed Orange coach Jim Boeheim so much he called it the best Georgetown team he had seen in years.

"I don't think there's a conference in the country from 1 to 10 that has the quality of teams that our league does," Marquette coach Steve Wojciechowski said.

It's so good there is some concern it might end up costing the Big East when the field for the NCAA Tournament is set.

"The challenge is that from the rest of the country's perspective, if a team ends up being 9-9 or 10-8, does that hurt you because of the quality of the teams moving forward?" DePaul coach Dave Leitao said.

"The analytics and the metrics hopefully will state the fact that there are so many good teams and so many competitive teams. That will help us. That's the theory. You just hope that it plays itself out."

The first few days of Big East play provided a quick glance at the difficult road to the conference championship.

Collin Gillespie made a couple of big plays to help Villanova hold off Xavier for a 68-62 win Monday night. The Wildcats opened a 17-point lead in the first half before the Musketeers rallied.

Seton Hall used a terrific performance from Powell to top DePaul 74-66 in its Big East opener, finishing the game with a 9-0 run. Powell scored 18 of his 27 points in the second half after missing the previous two games because of a concussion.

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History of put-downs causes broken trust between in-laws

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married to my darling husband for 20 years. The problem is his sister.

When we first met, she

Dear Abby



asked my husband if I was "for real" because I'm very outgoing and affectionate. In the early years, and until about six years ago, she

would berate me with abusive criticism. In most instances, her comments were inaccurate. If I tried to overlook her actions and have a good relationship, she would soon find something else to criticize.

I am normally an "it's history" kind of person when it comes to confrontations and forget them quickly. Thankfully her abuse has finally stopped. But I'm now having trust issues because every time in the past when I let my guard down to mend the relationship, she'd lash out and put me down again. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — Wary In Texas

DEAR WARY: One would think that during the time your sister-in-law was sniping at you, your "darling" husband would have stepped in and told his sister to put her knives away. After suffering through 14 years of her emotional battery, it's no wonder you have trust issues where she's concerned.

Intelligent person that you are, it's likely you always will have them, so stop blaming yourself for it. Continue being the outgoing and affectionate person you always have been, and keep your guard up because that's what healthy people have to do when dealing with someone like her.

DEAR ABBY: I love my wonderful neighbors of 28 years. They are 10 years younger than my parents. They have been like a second set of parents to me. My concern is for their health. They are in their 60s and 70s, but neither one goes to the doctor.

The wife went 20-plus years ago and decided never to return after they prescribed diabetes and blood pressure medication for her. More recently, she can no longer leave the house because she has injured her arthritic knee so badly. She refuses to get it checked and claims it will heal. (She diagnosed herself via Dr. Google.) Her intelligent adult daughter is aware of all of this.

I know this is a choice people make, but at this point I'm sure it's just anxiety that is keeping her from getting the medical help she needs. She's missing her garden, her grandchildren and grocery shopping, so I'm sure she doesn't want to spend the rest of her life like this. Her husband has no influence either and is picking up what she no longer can do. I have tried encouraging her to seek advice, but haven't pushed her so hard as to push her away. What should I do? — Scared For Them In Massachusetts

DEAR SCARED: If anyone could do anything, it would have to be the woman's husband and her daughter. I assume you have pointed out to your neighbor that with medical help she could heal more quickly, and also that there is something called preventive medicine that can help people avoid becoming seriously ill. Because you have talked until you are blue in the face and still haven't been able to get through, my advice is to love her while you have her.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

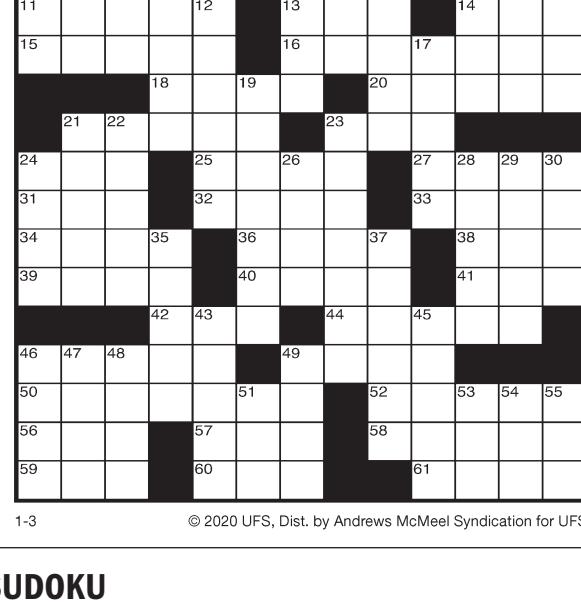
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- 24 Get tangled
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- 33 Rani's wear
- 34 Bill of fare
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- 39 Type of appeal
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- 41 Countdown number

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- 9 "Aeneid" or "Beowulf"
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- 12 Guess
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- 28 Pythias' friend
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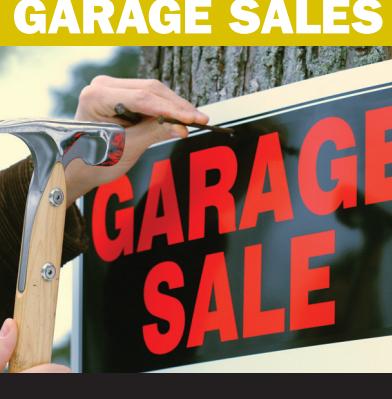
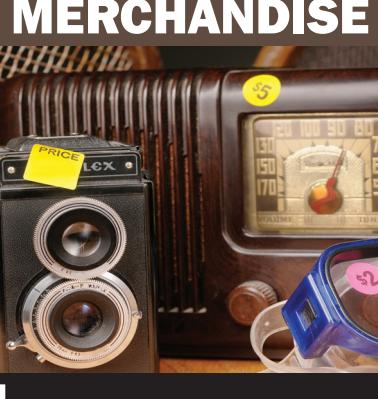
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Sheriff Sale File Number: 85-20-0001-SS Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10:00 am Wabash County Newspaper: Wabash Plain Dealer Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street Judgment to be Satisfied: \$82,514.41 Cause No: 85C01-1907-MF-000627 Plaintiff: Branch Banking and Trust Company Defendant: Jeffrey A. Hults a/k/a Jeff A. Hults TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at the Wabash County Sheriff's Department, 79 W Main St, Wabash IN, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana: The following described real estate located in Wabash County, Indiana Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section Number Six (6), in Township Number Twenty-six (26) North, Range Number Seven (7) East, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the west line of said quarter section, eight hundred twenty-two and twenty-five hundredths (822.25) feet south of the northwest corner thereof, thence East parallel with the north line of said quarter, two hundred seventy-two and twenty-five hundredths (272.25) feet, thence south parallel with the west line of said quarter, two hundred (200) feet, thence west parallel with the north line of said quarter, two hundred seventy-two and twenty-five hundredths (272.25) feet to the west line thereof, thence north on said west line two hundred (200) feet to the place of beginning. Containing one and one-fourth (1.25) acres, more or less. ALSO Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section Number Six (6), in Township Number Twenty-six (26) North, Range Number Seven (7) East, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the west line of said quarter, one thousand twenty-two and twenty-five hundredths (1022.25) feet South from the Northwest corner thereof, thence North eighty-nine (89) degrees fifty-eight (58) minutes East parallel with the north line of said quarter two hundred seventy-two and twenty-five hundredths (272.25) feet, thence North two hundred (200) feet, thence South seventy-nine (79) degrees eighteen (18) minutes East two hundred seventy-one and fifty-seven hundredths (271.57) feet, thence South one (1) degree twenty-four (24) minutes West two hundred twenty-one and thirteen hundredths (221.13) feet, thence South twenty (20) degrees thirty-seven (37) minutes one hundred seventy-four and twenty hundredths (174.20) feet, thence South twenty-six (26) degrees thirty-four (34) minutes West, eighteen and ninety-four hundredths (18.94) feet, thence South eighty-nine (89) degrees fifty-eight (58) minutes West four hundred sixty (460) feet to a point in the west line of said quarter, thence North two hundred fifty (250) feet to the place of beginning. Containing three and seven hundred eighty-two thousandths (3.782) acres, more or less. Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7.3.

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The Noble Township Advisory Board will meet with the Noble Township Trustee at 6:30 pm on January 7 to review the 2019 Financials. The meeting will be held in the Trustee's office located at 4181 S 150 W Wabash. HSPAXLP 1/3,1/4/2020

Legals

Public Notice City of Wabash, Indiana Board of Aviation Commissioners The Board of Aviation Commissioners will conduct public monthly meetings for the Wabash Municipal Airport at 3:30 p.m. Local time at the airport terminal building. Location: 283 West 400 South Wabash, Indiana 46992

January 8, 2020

February 12, 2020

March 11, 2020

April 8, 2020

May 13, 2020

June 10, 2020

July 8, 2020

August 12, 2020

September 9, 2020

October 14, 2020

November 11, 2020

December 9, 2020 HSPAXLP 1/3/2020

Legals

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WABASH SS: IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT 2019 TERM CAUSE NO. 85C01-1911-EU-000084 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MARY ALICE CAUGHELL, DECEASED NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION In the Circuit Court of Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Gregory L. Caughell and Douglas B. Caughell were on the 27th day of November, 2019, appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Mary Alice Caughell, deceased, who died on the 10th day of November, 2019, leaving a Last Will and Testament. The Personal Representatives are authorized to administer said estate without court supervision. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Wabash

Dated at Huntington, Indiana, this day 17th of December, 2019.

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